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WHO ATTENDED THE  
CONFERENCE

# Jr. NAD National Conference 2011



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## A SMASHING CONFERENCE!!!

As the conference chairperson, I felt it was really a tough job. I had almost twenty head committees and they were wonderful and I would never replace them. Planning for the conference took us eight months; it was really a great experience for all of us. It was my first time to be involved in the organization and planning of such a huge event and make it successful. I feel like I am an expert now. From Friday, November eighteenth to Monday the twenty-second, we had a lot of fun and learned many things. We all did have some things come up

at the last minute but we were able to work it all out.

From day one, we had a registration booth for delegates, observers, and advisors coming at the conference. We had an activity for everyone to get to know each other then some more activities for the rest of the day. It was really a great experience for everyone. Day two: we had workshops in the morning, team-building activities, then we went to Disney Downtown for a scavenger hunt. Day three: we attended some workshops in the morning, more team-building activities,

and the pageant at night. On the last day, we had the General Assembly meeting in the morning for two hours. Next, we had our regional meeting. Afterwards, we went to Fiesta Village to have fun. We had a banquet dinner that night and a dance after that. Some schools went away on Monday and some of them left in the middle of the night. May you enjoy our newsletter written by our CSDR students and get a full glance of what we have accomplished during the conference.

- Shaz Booth, Junior



## Frank Turk at Our Kick Off Conference

Dr. Frank Turk stood tall and strong in front of over 150 people, including students, committee members, advisors, and staff; he gave a wonderful kickoff speech. Dr. Frank Turk has accomplished many things in his lifetime. He is the father of many youth programs, including Jr. NAD, Youth Leadership Camp, and National Leadership and Literacy Camp (NLLC). He felt that young people needed something to prepare themselves for the future, so he founded all of three programs. By setting up these programs, he made a big difference in youth's future. In his speech, he talked about how "ME" can be changed into "WE". Things cannot be accomplished without teamwork, so it's important to work together. He also emphasized stamina and consistency. We were really honored to have Dr. Frank Turk come to our Jr. NAD conference, give a speech, and witness all of our work!

- Karina Baker, Freshman



# Bon Appétit!



**Our Opening Ceremony  
Dinner hosted by Ian  
Goldstein and his  
student committee**

Junior National Association of the Deaf National Conference was a blast! I am the vice president of Riverside's Jr. NAD and also an officer and committee member at the Jr. NAD National Conference. My job for the conference was to handle and organize the meals which included breakfast, lunch, and dinner for four days. I must give my thousand thanks to Gloria Daniels who also did the work organizing the foods. We fed over 150 people at the conference.

The crowds were impressed with our food and Southern California's cuisine. The toughest part of the conference was I had to handle various roles in the same day for four days straight, this included giving workshops presentations, organizing the meals and participating in activities. While handling the meals, at the same time I gave four sessions of workshops which focused on the issues of multitasking. Thankfully, many students who took my workshop found it very fun and enjoyable. On the first day we were handling the schedule just fine but after one or two days, the conference wore us down.

One cool thing about the meals is that our CSDR staff named Ian Goldstein cooked and served the delicious Italian meals. Also, Southern California's legendary burger, the famous In-N-Out, was cooked and delivered to school's cafeteria. This gave us the opportunity to show the Deafies from all over America to taste Southern California's best.

Overall, the Jr. NAD national conference was a blast!

- Camac Kyre, Senior

## Let's Cherish our Memories!

Greetings! The Jr. NAD Conference at CSDR went very beautifully. As the Souvenir and Hospitality Chairperson, it was a hard yet outstanding experience for me. The things that we gathered in my committee for souvenirs included Jr. NAD bags, Bummy's Book, portfolio folders, notepads, pens, and program books. These were for the delegates, observers, advisers, committees, officers, sponsors, guest speakers, and special visitors. Everybody was thrilled to get a souvenir and more importantly, they loved them! As for hospitality, we the CSDR committees, made yellow palm trees out of paper and put each visitor's name on it, that way they could find their room by seeing their names beside the door. Also, there were oranges for everyone with friendly welcome tags. I think it was a really rich experience and it also taught me a lot. It taught me

how to be a great leader, since the students ran the conference, not staff. It gave me a great opportunity to learn how to become a good leader. I am very of our committee and everyone at CSDR who contributed to this historical event and who did a fabulous job making Jr. NAD the most successful event! We showed our teamwork and that was the key to being successful. No one could ever forget this one; it is embedded in our heads



and memories for the rest of our lives.

- Alana Smith, Freshman

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—ALANA SMITH,  
FRESHMAN**

**Getting  
ready  
with our  
souvenir  
bags**





# Through CSDR Delegate's Eyes



**Brianna in the pageant competition-  
2nd Runner Up**

As a former NLLC camper and member of various different councils in the past, I started off the beginning of my freshman year with a good start, by being selected as a delegate for the Jr. NAD conference hosted at my school, California School of the Deaf, Riverside (CSDR). Not only were the responsibilities of being a committee chairperson and delegate weighted heavily on my shoulders, but the pressures of being a pageant contestant were added to my list of things to balance out in only a few weeks. But, I was confident through my healthful self-esteem and the support of others that I was able to accomplish these responsibilities and be able to work out everything by the start of the conference. I maintained my motivation and ambition until the very end. I was sure to get all of my materials ready for the pageant, such as

my attire and dress, as well as my enthusiasm, while I worked with my other Jr. NAD peers to prepare for the conference, and practiced the Parliamentary procedure with them in our weekly meetings. I had already experienced the procedures through my experience with SBG and NLLC, but I wanted to pertain my knowledge further as to be able to know how to participate fully. I admit that it was very stressful and very worrisome, but I handled it well, as my peers and classmates were there for me the whole time, keeping my head up and brain running. I can only say now that the pageant went by very well, and I am proud of my work, and I am very pleased with the results with the General Assembly meeting with the other delegates and observers. This recent Jr. NAD conference was one of the most amazing experiences of my life, and I am so grateful to have had been involved in it. It shows how much we young adults can handle even due to our age

which may appear on the surface to lack experience, but is in fact actually very capable of many things, such as my situation proved. I'm sending this message to you other teenagers: Don't give up. Work hard, and you shall accomplish what you yearn despite its hardships. Therefore you shall have a wonderful and fulfilling life with many wonderful memories to store.

- Brianna Keogh, Freshman

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## Empty Bowl Project



The Empty Bowls project is a community service project, where guests are invited to enjoy a simple meal of soup and bread. They will keep the bowls as a reminder of their donation to a local charity organization. For the Jr. NAD Special Projects, the students involved with the project painted their bowls – which was purchased by Color Me Mine located in the Canyon Crest Towne Center. The store provided paint and staff to help students with their questions in their painting process. Jr. NAD will host an Empty Bowls event where they will serve soup and bread in the bowls created by the students at a later date. The lucky few guests will be able to keep these bowls, because there are only 80 bowls.

I was involved in the Empty Bowls Project too; I painted three bowls with many different colors and the bowls were alluring. I noticed other students' bowls were appealing, too. I enjoyed painting the bowls and socializing with students from other schools. I felt like it was good therapy for me.

- By Dominique Yehobah, Junior

## Workshops! Workshops! Workshops!

One of the most important things that we did this weekend was the workshops. Being a workshop coordinator, it had prepared me so much on what I need to do in the future. Experiencing this kind of role truly has taught me to learn how to work with people and make sure that our guest speakers are all ready and set for their workshops. We had fabulous eight guest speakers from across the country come here to southern California to give our students presentations and activities that will help make them become better leaders. Brianna Keogh and I had an opportunity to talk with Jennifer Yost-Ortiz, one of our speakers, on videophone to discuss about her topic. Our special guest speakers included Anthony Barksdale, Gerald ("Bummy") Burstein, Daniel Girard, Rachel Mazique, Tommy Korn, Camac Kyre, Jeremy Warshaw, and Delia Lozano-Martinez. They did a wonderful job! They taught us many

things about how to lead, how to succeed, how to work with others in a positive and respectful manner, and how to understand the Jr. NAD, State Association, and NAD systems. Their active workshops also made the newcomers and unfamiliar faces become friendlier.

Allow me give you insight on some workshops. One workshop that many students liked was the one by CSDR's own students, Camac and Jeremy! Their workshop, "Leadership is Everywhere!" was mainly about multitasking, and it was very active and fun for us. Another workshop, "Attitude Matters" was rather popular by Jennifer Yost-Ortiz. What she was emphasizing was that we should analyze our attitude and how we should react to it. Her words made us think and realize things we never thought had an impact on



**Miss Deaf America giving her workshop to Jr. NADers**

ourselves. A workshop presentation, "The Basics of Parliamentary Procedures": Bummy Burstein taught us how to properly handle Parliamentary Procedures. The rest of the guest speakers were astonishing. The titles of their workshops were, "Are you Wearing One or Two Baseball Gloves?", "Race, Leadership," "Beloved Community", "The Power of Media", and "Apathy, Assertive, Aggressive". Presenters advised us on leadership and life. We want to thank them for giving up their time to fly to the conference and make their impact on the children of the future! THANK YOU!

- Bridget Berrigan, Freshman



**Daniel Girard**



**Bummy Burstein**



**Anthony Barksdale**



**Jeremy Warshaw**



**Delia Lozano**



**Camac Kyre**



**Jennifer Ortiz**



**Tommy Korn**



# Special Projects

## Veditz Video Project, Round Table, Empty Bowl Project and ASL Entertainment



**ASL Entertainment Project group**

The Jr. NAD conference weekend had a special activity for the students from all the visiting schools. Students were divided into four groups, each with their own four responsibilities. One of the special project groups – George W. Veditz Video, was the assignment to take pictures and clips of all the things that occurred that weekend, and then make a slideshow of the memories which was shown during the banquet on the last night. Their completed slideshow was beautiful and impressive. Another group, ASL Entertainment, was given the job to come up with interesting skits, poems, short plays, or anything that they could do to entertain the audience with during the pageant and banquet. I was involved in this group and I absolutely loved it! We had a blast



**Jon Kessel working with the delegates at the Round Table.**

brainstorming ideas for our skits. I was part of the Deaf Jones skit. We created a spoof on Indiana Jones but in a deaf version and much shorter. I made new friends and improved my acting skills. I enjoyed it and I learned a lot from it.

As for the Round-Table Action Plan group, the students were grouped up and invested their time lobbying to make proposals for the general meeting that would take place on Monday morning. Most of our officers and delegates were involved in this group. The proposals they listed were mostly about Deaf rights and recommendations for improving Jr. NAD. The general meeting, according to many spectators, was very productive and serious. Many people were impressed at how well we handled our meeting. All thanks goes to the Round-Table group for making our meeting flawless and fluent! Another project, the Empty Bowl Project, focused on an awesome community service project for the Riverside community. Students painted bowls with the help of the people from the Color Me Mine store. The painting designs were individual and completely up to one's own creation, and once all the bowls were finished, they were extremely imaginative and beautiful. The designs looked like they were worth a thousand dollars! All of the groups did



a wonderful job. They all cooperated, communicated with each other, and helped make the conference successful. WE can't forget the who helped us create this success! Thank you to all the volunteers for helping out with the activities and groups. :D

- Bridget Berrigan, Freshman



**Veditz Video Project group**



**Chris Chmaj, Erica Hossler and Tommy Korn worked with Veditz Video group.**

**President Shaz discussing a few issues with delegates.**

## Workshop Given by our CSDR Students!



**Multitasking Workshop  
given by Camac and  
Jeremy**

**"I FEEL LIKE I WAS  
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HEART AFTER  
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**- CAMILLE  
NESMITH,  
JUNIOR**



**Round Table/Parliamentary Advisors,  
Jonathan Kessel & Bummy Burstein**



After a full first day of excitement at the National Jr. NAD conference, Camac Kyre and I gave a fun and exercise workshop about multitasking duties. The purpose of this was how we should handle the different organizations that we have participated in during school hours. First, Camac developed a stack of papers with twenty-nine tasks that each participant had to complete in less than thirty minutes. The participants were dismayed when they realized some of the unrealistic tasks they had to perform, such as, having to yell like gorilla front of Camac and me, or pat each participant's back inside the building. Next, Camac reviewed all the tasks and I began the countdown while they ran like bulls in the San Fermin festival in Spain. They fought over the supplies that we provided for the activ-

ity. We watched them enthusiastically as they tried to meet all the tasks. Some students were following the exact order on the list, and some randomly picked their order. After the set time was over, the building was a complete mess with post-it cards and paper airplanes on the floor. Several participants finished all the tasks. I explained to them how to achieve multi-tasking. It needs to be done with good and detailed information, instead of just "good enough" finishing the task with horrible details. Most of the participants realized that time management is also important. After our workshop was over, we helped clean up the mess we made inside the building. The building was transformed into a neat and tidy space once again. The participants gave us the best evaluation for our

workshop. We appreciated their evaluations and at the same time Camac and I had fun giving the workshop. In the beginning, we didn't want to give the workshop, but Jeannette Zarembka, our advisor, encouraged us to provide a workshop from our summer camp, Youth Leadership Camp. She believed in us and our ability to give the workshop in front of about eighty delegates and observers. In the end, we definitely had fun during our workshop, with high energy and horsing around. Those who benefited from our workshop included an advisor from Illinois who shared with me that she loved our workshop and she would be bringing it to her school. Wow! Thank you to the Jr. NAD Conference for giving us the opportunity to present our workshop during the conference.

- Jeremy Warshaw, Senior

## National Jr. NAD General Assembly

It was the last day of the Conference, Jr. NAD's tradition of wrapping up the conference with a General Assembly meeting in which members from all over the four corners of the United States come and put their motions to the vote and decide the fate of our generation through the General Assembly meeting. The assembly was operated by California School for the Deaf, Riverside Jr. NAD president Shaz Booth. Students gave out their motions and the assembly also had several hot debates. The General Assembly opened up with a proposal and an election with one boy and girl to represent Jr. NAD for the 2012 NAD conference in Louisville, Kentucky. The candidates included Brianna Keogh (California School for the Deaf, Riverside) and Dalton Kramer (Maryland School for the Deaf). The votes resulted in two people being selected for the 2012 NAD con-

ference. The two people were Nathaniel Amann from Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind and Amberlin Hines from Model Secondary School for the Deaf. Congratulations! See ya in Kentucky! The first proposal closed and the next proposal was crucial for Jr. NAD's longevity, the bids for the 2015 Jr. NAD national conference. The bids were from two schools, California School for the Deaf, Fremont and Florida School for the Deaf and Blind. The presentation given by Fremont was very brief while Florida gave a very long and detailed presentation which resulted in a victory for the 2015 bid going to Florida School for the Deaf, Blind. After those proposals, more proposals on Deaf issues were discussed by the youth of Jr. NAD. Here are two motion examples that they passed:



- 1) At least one of our proposals must appear on NAD's agenda.
- 2) Two delegates from each region must attend all future NAD conferences.

The General Assembly was conducted by youth for youth. The General Assembly was very successful. Even the NAD elites like Bobbie Beth Scoggins, Howard Rosenblum, Shane Feldman, and Allie Rice were impressed with the assembly, they even want to use it as a baseline for future conferences. Overall, the General Assembly was a blast, too bad it had to end. At least there's 2013!

- Camac Kyre, Senior



# All Registered!!!



On November 18<sup>th</sup>, the Junior National Association of the Deaf Conference had begun with gloomy weather outside at the California School for the Deaf, Riverside. Exactly 25 deaf schools and deaf-and-hearing school programs came to our school for the four-day event. Our conference, which was full of excitement, included guest speakers, activities, team building games, and of course, two nights for the traditional Banquet and Pageant show. My wonderful partner, Julie Reese and I helped our hard-working committee to set up for the first big moment—Registration. Schools started their journey by checking in with us. They received cool black satchels with a personalized Jr. NAD Conference logo both on the bag and the blue notebook and USB sticks inside. Also, they received an

amazing book, *Bummy's Successful Meeting Procedures*. My committee gave away the purple and black t-shirts for the conference. Nice! I was working with Julie for almost two months with many documents to organize for twenty-five schools. Most of the time, I made a copy for myself to verify the information and then gave instructions and guidelines to my volunteer committee for our plans to be accomplished. I am so pleased to have had the opportunity to work with Julie. She had many roles in the conference. She arranged most of the registration information with other schools by contacting them to gather their travel, food, and payment information in order to make the conference run successfully.

I am so fortunate to have been a registration chairperson for the conference; I gained tons of experience that I never would have received anywhere else. I am so appreciative of what my school's Jr. NAD conference gave me; the opportunity to participate in the biggest event for our school this year!

- Jeremy Warshaw, Senior

# NAD Family Joins our Conference!



We are so lucky to have National Association of the Deaf (NAD) people joining our conference. We felt honored to have them here over the long weekend. Our NAD CEO, Howard Rosenblum, NAD CFO, Shane Feldman, NAD President, Bobbie Beth Scoggins, and NAD Youth Coordinator, Allie Rice expressed that they very much enjoyed their stay at our school. They were amazed with how the conference was conducted, especially by the students. Howard Rosenblum was impressed and stated, "You have established a high expectation bar for the future schools who want to host the conference." When Shane Feldman watched the General Assembly in MAC on Monday morning, he exclaimed, "I am pleased to see how Jr. NAD President, Shaz Booth, has handled the General Assembly effectively. We

would love him to run our NAD general assembly one day." Bobbie Beth Scoggins wished she stayed longer from the beginning, but she enjoyed her time tremendously with us on her two last evenings. She gave a beautiful presentation during the banquet. We also enjoyed having Allie Rice join us throughout the whole weekend. She trusted us to do our jobs and was proud of us. It was worth it to have NAD to be with us during the conference. The conference would not have been very visible to NAD if they did not visit us. We hope to see them continuing their presence at future conferences to show their support! We want to show them that they have wonderful youth leaders like us to work with NAD in the future. I hope they make great comments about us after seeing the conference. I hope they are looking forward to working with us as NAD and Jr. NAD.

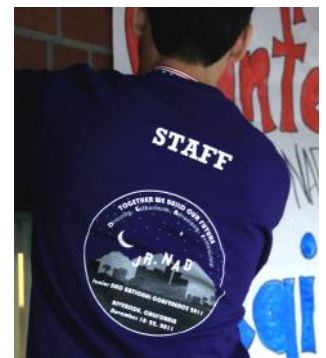
- Camille Nesmith, Junior

# Our Colorful Conference T-Shirt

Black? White? Pink? Grey? Or tie-dye? We had a long meeting to decide on the color for our conference T-shirt. At last, our committees agreed on purple for students to use during the conference. It took us days to decide which color we should choose for adults. After a long debate on several colors, we finally voted on black! We didn't expect this kind of excitement and eagerness to choose colors for our T-shirts! When we first wore our purple T-shirts, we felt so inspired and felt confident that we looked so good in our shirts. It was nice to see our student committee using the title of STAFF on the back of our T-shirt. This was because we want to be able to serve our delegates, observers,

and advisors when they are at our school. They counted on us since the title on our T-shirts have captured their attention. It's nice to be able to call ourselves staff since we took full responsibility for our conference. Miguel Flores, our senior student, created this logo. The logo was special and impressive. The logo includes the Hollywood sign, lights, stars, moon, mountains, and all of this represents southern California. We are fortunate to have our wonderful volunteers, Francis Whalen and Carmen Orduno, to print our T-shirt on the CSDR campus! I enjoyed working with my T-shirt sponsor, Don Burnes.

- Camille Nesmith, Junior



# ENTERTAINMENT

## TRIP TO DISNEY DOWNTOWN/FIESTA VILLAGE

On November 19<sup>th</sup> 2011, Emily and I hosted a scavenger hunt at Downtown Disney, the place where all of the fun memories begin! The students arrived with their faces full of excitement and ready for all of the fun. After we gave them a card to look for a place to take a group picture. All of them scattered like mice to complete their job. After they finished their scavenger card, all of them wandered around Disney. All of them shared their smiles, laughter and joy. Students all cherished their memories there!

Fortunately, the students had another memorable moment at Fiesta Village. This place is filled

with golf courses, roller coasters, a roller skating rink, and race cars. The kids just did their own thing there. The most popular thing that the kids loved and had to wait in a long line for was the race cars! As for my experience, I am really glad that Emily and I showed our heart and spirit into this to make sure that the students had an amazing time there! Also, this actually broke my stage fright and increased my own self-confidence after the conference. After all, I was just really glad to see the kids having their own smiles and laughter on their faces.

- Alexa Ontiveros, Junior



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**- ALEXA ONTIVEROS,  
JUNIOR**

## Ice Breaker Activities

We began our conference with an exciting start, with our icebreaker party. We were split up into four groups that consisted of delegates and observers from different schools to mingle and meet one another. Every fifteen minutes or so, we would rotate into a different activity center to play various fun games that required extensive thinking and energy to

have fun! There was the blanket game, telephone game, and other games such as the step-over-the-line game, when people would split up according to their interests, and dis-interests. That night was a very entertaining one, and we had gotten to know each other better, kicking off our conference with many new friends! It was

wonderful seeing all the potential among all the kids from all over the country, and their different identities and skills merging together. We worked together as a team, and interacted as friends. The ice-breaker game was truly a great start to our Jr. NAD conference as we got to have a good time and develop some new friends as well!

- Brianna Keogh, Freshman





## A RED CARPET SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT EVENT



**Miss Deaf America, Rachel Mazique, sharing her experiences**

Guess what our pageant theme was? "HOLLYWOOD!" Why? Because that is southern California's famous city. We had fourteen competitors: four boys and ten girls. The competitors worked so hard together in just two days. We were very impressed with them because they made such a beautiful pageant. Even though we didn't run the show together in practices and rehearsals, we



**Co-Chairpersons—  
Craig Long, Senior and  
Vianney Bernal, Junior**

still managed to put on a great show together. The competitors had to give up their time to be involved with some special projects to have some rehearsals during the Jr.NAD conference weekend. They had been practicing really hard. We weren't prepared for the storm coming that weekend, and that on the pageant night it would be raining, but we figured out how to get all the girls all dry and pretty in the same night. We want to say, "Congratulations," to Ashley Kingston and Duke Smith for Miss/ Mr. Jr.NAD 2011-2013 and all the other competitors too. Our wonderful Master and Mistress of Ceremonies were Kelvin Nhan and Alana Smith. They did an amazing job on the stage. They were very creative and funny. The audience truly enjoyed the show by watching the MCs and the competitors. During the brief breaks throughout the pageant, the group from ASL Entertainment gave performances of the Jr. NAD poem and some skits. They did a wonderful job, and everyone was fascinated by how well they did! We also had a judge Sammy Ruiz Jr.

give one of his magic trick shows. He is well known in southern California for his famous magician skills. Everyone in the audience was in awe with his mini-show. We were thrilled to have our Miss Deaf America, Rachel Mazique, on the stage with us because we wanted to honor her by having her give awards to Miss/Mr. Jr.NAD 2011-2013 and the contestants. All of the contestants felt honored to receive awards from her, too. We thank her for coming here to give us a great presentation and giving away the pageant awards. Thanks to RISE ASL Interpreting for donating services. Also, thanks to our sponsors Erika Thompson and Georgette Visco, both of whom encouraged us in planning the pageant scripts and made us motivated to help with the competition. We know our sponsors felt inspired by our hard work. Our pageant coordinators and members want say, "Thank you," for supporting us.  
-Vianney Bernal & Craig Long, Juniors



**Our Mr./Miss Jr. NAD  
2011-2013,  
Ashley Kingston (TLC)  
& Duke Smith (Indiana)**



**Alana Smith & Kelvin Nhan,  
Our Fabulous Emcees**

## Awesome Teamwork by Jr. NADers!!!

We very much enjoyed the entertaining team building activity that was provided for us to emphasize our need of teamwork and patience. There were several different activities for us to participate in, and it really taught us a lot about how to act with peers and ourselves when in difficult situations or so. These activities provided amazing experiences for each and every one of us, for we got far closer and learned more about society through-

out the activity. A great thanks is given to the two people who made it possible, Reagan Anders from CSDR and Nick Bannon from TSD. These two helped enable us to use our thinking and physical skills to accomplish the tasks of our activity, and we were challenged and encouraged to put to work our personal characteristics to ensure us success!

- Brianna Keogh, Freshman



**Eastern Region  
discussing about sending  
two delegates to the  
NAD Conference.**



As the general assembly meeting went by smoothly and its effectively charismatic results flowed over the delegates and observers' minds, we gathered up to collect our own chairs to devote to three groups: the Western region, the Eastern region, and the Central region. Then, we all left to dine at lunchtime, and after a

# Youth Regional Meeting

delicious meal, we observers and delegates were energized enough to return to our regions and officially begin the Jr. NAD annual youth regional meeting. Brilliant ideas were thrown out, hot debates were heating up the room, and things went by beautifully with advisors surrounding the room to see what was being discussed. By the time the lights were flicked on and off to show that the meeting was over, each region's whiteboards were filled up with ideas of competency. We want to keep networking to communicate with our peers of our region, as to continue to contribute to deaf youth's rights and opportunities. That

is highly essential in our deaf community, so that is one of the main things that we were discussing in the meeting. Our goal was to select two representatives (delegates) to represent each region in the upcoming NAD regional meeting, and we accomplished that. We hope to be able to meet those in separate regions once again in a Regional Retreat meeting in 2012, and we hope to accomplish that goal, since we have lots of potential to make it happen! Let us congratulate these selected delegates and wish them well on their performance in the meeting!

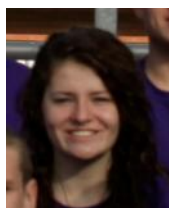
- Brianna Keogh, Freshman

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**- PARADISE  
LARIZZA, SENIOR**

**I NEVER EXPECTED TO  
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LOVE WITH JR NAD.**

**- KELVIN NHAN,  
JUNIOR**



## On Behalf of ASBG President

As ASBG president of CSDR, I found myself enjoying being a part of Jr. NAD the whole weekend. It was fun and amazing to see everyone gathering at one place. In such a short time, we were able to learn many essential things such as, State Associations, media, and Parliamentary procedures. When I looked at everyone, it was obvious that they were having so much fun! By the end of the day on Monday, our conference's last day, some kids were crying because they would miss the new friends they had made right here at CSDR. I am very glad that CSDR had hosted this Jr. NAD conference because it was such a successful event for this school. The staff entrusted their authority to students to run the whole event with only some of their help. I really appreciate that our students have devoted their time to make this the best conference. Every single event in the Jr. NAD conference was the best and these have truly put a big impact on me. I know this because I learned, I played, and I watched so much. I am proud to announce that our Jr. NAD members did a great job hosting this conference. Not only that, all of other Jr. NAD members from other schools did a wonderful job, too. I couldn't ask for any better than this! I hope that some time in the future, CSDR will host a Jr. NAD conference again.

- Emily Forsberg, Senior

## Schools Participating in the Jr. NAD Conference 2011

At our Jr. NAD conference, 26 different schools have been involved and have contributed so much to deaf youth nationwide. We want to thank these schools listed below who have participated in this event. This is in recognition of these schools' amazing performance and support to Jr. NAD.

Alabama	Nebraska
Arizona	New Mexico
Florida	Ohio
Fremont	Pennsylvania
Illinois	Phoenix
Indiana	Riverside
Kansas	Rochester
Kentucky	South Carolina
Lexington	St. Mary School
Louisiana	Texas
Maryland	The Learning Center
Metro Deaf	University High School
MSSD	Wisconsin







In the fall, we were appointed to run our conference banquet. We searched for a place and chose Citrus Park because we wanted to decorate the hall the way we liked. It would become a beautiful Hollywood theme. We were nervous but we were lucky to have our wonderful sponsor, Carol Adams-Bella, who helped us make the banquet a huge success. We were so happy that our banquet turned out so beautifully; it was incredible! We had various speakers at our banquet along with our emcees, Duke Smith and Ashley Kingston who just won Mr./Miss Jr. NAD 2011-2013 the night before. They did a wonderful job and Duke even showed his talent show, "1-800 DATE-ME" which was so hilarious!

**"This inspired our audience to believe that Deaf youth can do anything".**

## Our Last Moment at the Banquet

People were overwhelmed and they thought he was a skillful dancer. Ashley awed many people with her beautiful ASL signs. During the banquet, we had our keynote speaker, John Maucere. He is a seasoned international performer who also graduated from California School for the Deaf, Riverside. He gave a speech about his success and empowered students to follow their dreams and do things that they believe are good for them. This inspired our audience to believe that Deaf people can do anything. We also enjoyed the speeches by our NAD leaders, Bobbie Beth Scoggins and Howard Rosenblum, and our CSDR Superintendent Mal Grossinger. Our audience was fascinated by their speeches with great feelings. We ended our banquet with many award recognitions. The people were surprised that our caterer was deaf.

Matt Baker, a deaf caterer and owner of "Feast on This" business, came to our banquet and cooked a delicious dinner for us. We gave Jr. NAD glass cups with the logo on it to everyone who attended the banquet. The event was so beautiful and special. We want to thank the people for coming to the banquet. We hope that we encouraged all of the people who had experienced the conference to think of what they want to do for their future.  
-Jeanyssa Caboteja and Amanda Gallegos, Juniors

**Our keynote presenter, John Maucere, sharing his experiences.**



## Jr. NAD Awards

Before the Jr. NAD conference, many kids from all over the country contributed their talents through different ways such as poems, photography, creative writing, and visual arts to be evaluated by some of our own staff from CSDR to determine the most skilled of all. Also, ASL

poems and stories were performed throughout the conference, and people observed each individual's work to choose the best of each category. For the best creative writing piece, the award went to Paige Foreman from NMSD, who wrote "Canary". Michael Jendusa and Megan Everett from Alabama won the award for the best male/female poetry, called "Valley," and "I'm Sorry". As for photography, the best piece went to Rosina Garcia from NMSD, who labeled her piece of work, "Heartbroken."












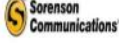


Jacob Bowen from Illinois (ISD) got the award for the best ASL Short Story and Nataly Fonseca from Indiana School for the Deaf for visual arts, known as "The Charming Mermaid." Also, individual awards were given out to outstanding participants' performances. Mr. and Miss Congeniality were Raven Taylor from Indiana and Amelia Hamilton from TSD and Elissa Letendre from The Learning Center for the Deaf in Massachusetts. The award for Outstanding Male and Female Participants were Franly Ulerio-Nunez from MSSD, and Amelia Hamilton from TSD.

Congratulations to all of them, and keep up the hard work! - Salma Watson, Senior



**Recognizing Nataly Fonseca's (Indiana) Visual Arts award by Salma Watson, Awards Coordinator.**

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What a success! Jr.NAD members have just now enjoyed our 23rd biennial national conference at California School for the Deaf, Riverside. This event has already gotten many rave reviews!

On behalf of CSDR, I want to extend a heart-felt thank you for your support in making this event very successful. It was the vision of the CSDR Jr.NAD Head Committee to share, entertain, and provide plenty of leadership tools for the Jr.NAD members and guest speakers in a pleasant, comfortable environment at our new apartments, Bummy Student Center, Social Hall, Multi-Purpose Activity Center (MAC), cottages, and cafeteria. Your generous contribution made our vision a reality by helping us offset the costs of holding the Jr.NAD conference in an environment as a welcoming and professional place for 96 students and 30 advisors from 26 schools.

- Terri Vincent, Sponsorship Coordinator

## Kudos to CSDR Jr. NAD Students!!!

We saw so many things recently during the conference that were absolutely astounding – seeing our students taking charge and making sure everything was under control. A big hat tip to all of our students who worked very hard during the conference. It is rewarding to know that I work with students here at CSDR who appreciate Jr. NAD, leadership, and advocacy with full enthusiasm as much as I do.

Lastly, as an honored alum, advisor, and fan of Jr. NAD, I am proud to know that these young people who currently comprise the conference are among the future leaders of our society. I look forward to working with those students again in future Jr. NAD meetings.

- Jeannette Zarembka, Advisor



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JR NAD IS MY  
SECOND FAMILY.

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Students working in  
action—getting ready  
before everyone arrived  
for the conference.





# Jr NAD Conference Photos







## Special Note from Conference Chair

As president, I was privileged to lead this conference and it wouldn't be the same experience if I weren't given this opportunity. I was truly inspired and encouraged by Jeannette Zarembka

and I am thankful for her as my advisor. Ms. Zarembka had my back when I needed her help and was there when I needed her advice. My role as president was a little tough at first because I would have to work with my friends and take on a different "hat". After the conference, I kept thinking about the weekend and since then, I have decided I want to be an advisor in the future. I want to give back what I have learned and I also want to empower our future youth.

I want to express my deepest thanks to my committee for their hard work. I hope that they will be accomplished in their future as well as being a part of Youth programs such as Jr. NAD, YLC and NLLC, becoming NAD officers, serving on boards, being a part of State Association of the Deaf. They will continue empowering the next generation with their enriching tools. I will do the same. Thank you all again!  
- Shaz Booth, Junior



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